

The Messenger



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The Newsletter of The United Church of Sandwich

*"Passionately united to feed all people — body, mind and spirit —
To the glory of God!"*

Greetings,

Following a pastoral visit the other day I made a detour on the way home, into the drive through of a Dunkin Donuts Coffee Shop. After about 4 minutes I left with a Pumpkin Spice Latte in my hand. I know the calendar says Autumn begins on September 23rd. My heart tells me that Autumn begins the moment I have my first pumpkin Spice latte. Regardless, we can all feel the shift that is beginning to take place in the seasons. School is back in session and summer schedules have adjusted to fall ones. It won't be long before the temperature starts dipping ever so slightly, providing crisp and cool evenings. The corn in the field will begin to disappear and days will get a bit shorter.

There is no better marker for the change in the season for us than the Sandwich Fair. I write this message with great anticipation and a complete ignorance of what the Sandwich Fair will be like for our church and community. I have no idea what to expect and a full heart to expect a week full of action, adventure and God sightings. Today feels quiet and peaceful. It is the calm before the event. It is the serenity before the action. I would like to invite you to join me in engaging in a few steps as we experience the fullness of the Sandwich Fair.

First, Jesus began every major action in his life with prayer. His time of meditation with God gave him the Strength and power to walk through the storms of his life. Take some time this week to simply be with the Lord. Here is a potential prayer you can use. However, there is no right or wrong way to pray. You simply take the time to be with God.

Oh Lord, sometimes my insides feel like a battle zone, where missiles are falling too close to home. Other times I'm caught in an endless storm, with thoughts flying out of control. Confusion reigns, and defeat creeps in to steal my joy. I need your peace—the deep-down-in-your-heart kind that stays with me day and night and speaks confidently into the wind. Calm my anxious spirit, Lord; all the attacking "if-lys" and "what-ifs" fill me with needless worry. I know that trust is a big part of experiencing peace and that fear has no place in my life. Most of the things I worry about or dread don't even happen. So I'm declaring my trust in you. I'm releasing the reins of my life again and asking you to take control. I may need to pray this same prayer daily, but I'm tired of the frenzy of life that leaves my schedule and my thoughts without any margin. I need more of you, Lord, and less of me. I surrender and admit: I can't control people, plans, or even all my circumstances, but I can yield those things to you, and focus on your goodness. Thank you today for every good gift you've given, every blessing you've sent, all the forgiveness I did not deserve, and, yes, for every trial you've allowed into my life. You bring good out of every circumstance if I'll only let go and believe you. I know that when I pray and give thanks instead of worrying, you have promised that I can experience the kind of peace that passes all understanding. That's your kind of peace, Lord. And it's the kind I crave. Whenever I'm stressed, anxious, or afraid, help me remember to run to you. You're the only one that can calm my fears and end my fretful behavior. Whether in trivial or heavy matters, I know you will not only give me peace; Lord, you will be my peace. And when I draw close to you—in prayer, in reading your Word, in helping another, in taking my mind off myself—you will be there, up close and personal. I can't handle these times alone, Lord. Will you speak peace and calm my storms, or hold my hand while we walk through them together? Will you bring the reassuring wisdom of those who have come through similar times into my life? Thank you, Lord. I'm trusting you. In the name of the One who makes the wind and the waves stand still, Amen. ~ Rebecca Barlow Jordan

Second, remember Matthew 11:28-30. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Take time during the fair to rest. Share your burdens with those around you and carry the burdens of your neighbor. Above all, lean into the Lord for your strength.

Finally, when everything is said and done, give it to God. Give God the praise. Give God the struggles. Walk into the Fall with a full heart that you are worthy of being labeled a Child of God. Everything else is simply icing on the cake! My prayers are with you this month and enjoy the fair!

God Bless,

Rev. Tom Bourke

Sunday Scriptures and Themes for September 2019

September 1

Philippians 4:4-9 "Stress" "Insomniac: What Keeps You Up At Night?"

September 8

Luke:10:38-42 "Mary & Martha" "What Biblical Figure Are You?"

September 15

Exodus 19:1-8,
Jonah 1:17-2:10 "Moses & Jonah" "What Biblical Figure Are You?"

September 22

Matthew 14:22-33
John 20:24-28 "Peter & Thomas" "What Biblical Figure Are You?"

September 29 Reverend Bob Dell

MISSION OF THE MONTH



Sager Brown Depot

In 1996, a 48,000 sq ft processing/warehousing facility was constructed on the historic property at the Sager Brown Center in Baldwin, LA. Over 3,000 volunteers stay and work each year processing supplies for worldwide disaster relief and working in local outreach programs.



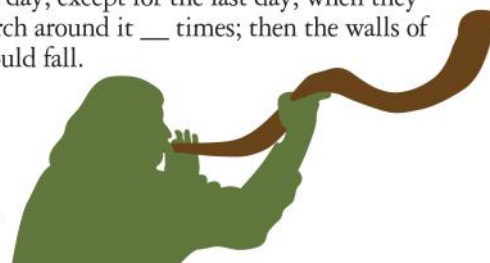
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Bible Quiz

What number fits in all the blanks to reveal God's instructions to Joshua about the city of Jericho?

Israelite warriors, led by __ priests blowing __ ram's-horn trumpets for __ days, would march around the city once a day, except for the last day, when they would march around it __ times; then the walls of Jericho would fall.

- A. one
- B. three
- C. five
- D. seven



Answer: D (See Joshua 6:1-5).



Choir Resumes

Our adult music ministries include our Chancel Choir and Adult Chimes. Both groups will meet on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year beginning September 11th. Chimes practice will be at 6:30 pm and Choir practice starts at 7:30 pm. We enjoy both current and traditional music. The choir sings on the first and third Sundays of each month, while Adult Chimes play the fourth Sunday. The second Sunday of each month will be open to special music; solos, musical instruments etc. Both groups are open to anyone interested regardless of experience.

September Activities



Sunday School Classes Begin



September 15th at 8:45 am, adults will be studying the book 'Making Sense of the Bible' by Adam Hamilton. We will be rediscovering the power of the scriptures for our lives today. Coffee will be available.

The children will begin at 9:00 am and will be dividing into two classes. One will be for the younger kids and one for the older kids. Each week we will learn about God's love in fun and interesting ways.

All children are welcome!



EPIC is getting ready to kick-off for the 2019-2020 school year! Students in 6th grade through college are welcome to participate. We will be meeting Sundays from 4-6 pm, rotating between the 3 churches, starting at the Federated

Church for the month of September. The first meeting being Sunday, September 15th!

As in previous years, we will be meeting for games, Bible study, and dinner. We are looking for volunteers to provide these meals for us. This can be done by making a donation to cover the cost of a meal, ordering a meal for us, or actually making the meal yourself. If you would like to help feed us this year, please use the Meal Train website (<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1505o3>) to sign up for a date.

Thank you, Autumn Battaglia



Trustees Board will have a meeting Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm.

Fourth Sunday Coffee Hour hosts for September is Finance. In the chapel after service.



Sunday, September 1st

Worship Service

10:00 am

Sandwich Fair Grounds

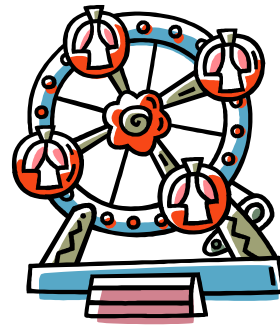
In the Fair Stand

Potluck after Service

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Drinks will be provided.

All are Welcome to join the Church Family for this Special Service and Potluck at the Fair Stand!



Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerial Alliance
4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY
FREE FELLOWSHIP FEAST

4:30 — 6:00 pm

Tues., September 24th, 2019

Salem Lutheran Church

1022 N Main St Sandwich

815-786-9308

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Invite your friends and family to come as well!



Upcoming feasts:

Tues., Oct 22 @ Federated Church

Tues., Nov 26 @ St Paul's Catholic Church

No feast in December



The United Methodist Women will be meeting September 12th at 9:30 am in the chapel. All women are warmly welcomed.

UPCOMING October EVENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Our group meets at 7:30 am for breakfast and fellowship the first Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 6th. There are no meetings during the summer months of June, July, August and September. Members of the group take turns preparing the meal. In April a chili/soup supper is held as a fundraiser. In May the men provide a banquet with a prepared meal and entertainment to recognize the mothers and daughters of our church family and community. All men are invited!

Make sure your offering is used the way you want using your envelope!

When you give to your church, sometimes you want your gift designated for a special purpose (mission of the month, flowers, a special project, apportionment, etc.).

So: Whenever you give, *use your offering envelope and write on it where you want your gift to go.* If it isn't designated, your offering will go in the general fund to pay current expenses.

If you made specific designations when you turned in your annual pledge card, you also must make them each time you give.

If you give on line, there is a screen where you are asked to indicate how you want your gift to be used before you submit your payment.

If you use bill pay through your bank, there should be a place to write a memo on your check.

Don't have envelopes? Call the office and we will be glad to give you a set. Or you can use the envelopes in the pew pockets.

Help us be good stewards of your gifts.

Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 18

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Saturday, October 19

Items for the United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale may be collected in the southeast corner across from the youth room. Accepted items are: clothing, jewelry, household and kitchen items, books, games, furniture (not LARGE pieces), etc. **We cannot accept any televisions, computer equipment or large appliances.** All items should be clean and in good condition (something you would buy for yourself.) Nicer clothing items should be on hangers.



CROPWALK

The Community CROP Walk will be held at Big Rock Park, Big Rock, IL on Sunday, October 6th starting at 2 pm. Walkers and sponsors are needed. Please contact Doug & Melissa Reiners to sign up. More info about CROP may be found at www.crophungerwalk.org



UNITED BRAT FEST

United Church of Sandwich

512 E Lions Road, Sandwich

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Drive thru 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

\$10 for 2 brats, cole slaw, sauerkraut, baked beans, and cookie

or

\$5 for hot dog, chips, apple, and cookie

Tickets available:

The Church Office – 9 am to 1 pm – Tuesday through Friday

The Church Office – 815-786-9243

Matt & Joanna Olson – 815.508.1511

Ron & Kim Henrich – 815.790.2048

Jim & Lori Updike – 815-822-7322

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgists

09/01 Fairstand
 09/08 Pam Nehring
 09/15 Bonnie Miller
 09/22 Deb Seymour
 09/29 Diane Pearson

Greeters

09/01 Jerry & Nancy Brown
 09/08 Al & Phyllis Whitehead
 09/15 Etta Stahl
 09/22 Diane Salisbury
 09/29 Carole Strock

Ushers

09/01 Al & Myrtie Warren
 09/08 Kevin & Linda Duy
 09/15 Dick & Barb Bark
 09/22 Reid & Deb Heinehamp
 09/29 Ed & Carole Forman

September Communion Ministers

Reid & Deb Heinehamp, Deb Seymour



If you would like to add a touch of beauty to the worship with a gift of flowers or donate bread for Holy Communion, the Sign Up Sheets are in the narthex.



*Newsletter Helpers
 Thank You!
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09/03	William Cassel Ron Miller
09/05	Christopher Eipers Allison McMahon
09/07	Vicki Scharenberg
09/09	Carl Gustafson
09/10	Dave Scharenberg
09/13	Eli Bourke
09/17	Lori Prickett
09/19	Chet Carpenter
09/22	Anna Olson
09/23	Monty Reiners
09/24	Fred Hunter
09/28	John Heiman Sarah Stevens
09/29	Kathe Schlapp



09/01	Greg & Kelly Nehring
09/03	Richard & Barb Bark
09/08	William & Christine McMahon
09/21	Vicki & Dave Scharenberg
09/26	James & Barb Deimer
09/27	Reid & Debbie Heinekamp

If anyone's birthday or anniversary has been missed please contact the church office. Thank You



Also, please send any email, phone number, and address updates to the church office.





2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Worship at Fair Stand with Potluck to follow</p>	<p>2 Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sandwich Fair Begins</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>HAPPY GRAND- PARENTS DAY</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Sandwich Fairstand Clean Up</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>6:30 Chimes</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 UMW Mtg</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45 Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ Communion</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>NewsLetter DEADLINE</p> <p>6:30 Trustees Board Mtg</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30 Chimes</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>International Peace Day</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>8:45 Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>Coffee Hour Hosts ~ Finance</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30-6:00 4th Tuesday Feast @ Salem Lutheran</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 Chimes</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30 Newsletter Assembly</p> <p>Craft Show @ Fair Stand 9:00am -5:00pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45 Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>Apportionment Sunday</p>	<p>30</p>	 <p>I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.</p> <p>PSALM 146:2, NIV</p>				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE MESSENGER — SEPTEMBER 2019

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Email: ucssandwich@frontier.com

website: www.unitedchurchsandwich.org

Sunday Schedule

Worship 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School 8:45 am

Children's Sunday School 9:00 am

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Pastor: Rev. Tom Bourke

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

or by appointment

Email: tombourkejr@gmail.com

Mobile: 630-699-2474

Church Staff

Secretary: Donna Reiss

Tuesday–Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Choir and Chimes Director: Kevin Duy

Organist/Pianist: Carol Larson

Ministers and Missionaries: All Members

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Leadership Team 2019

Church Council Chair	Ken Young
Recording Secretary	Deb Heinekamp
Treasurer	Linda Duy
Payroll	Pam Nehring
Financial Secretary	Pat Hallaron
Finance/Stewardship Chair	Pam Nehring
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations	Sarah Stevens
Lay Leader	Gwen Fox
Trustee's Chair	Matt Olson
Annual Conf. Delegate	Bonnie Miller
Missions/Evangelism Chair	Phyllis Whitehead
Memorial/Endowment Chair	Carole Strock
United Methodist Women	Myrtie Warren
United Methodist Men	
Fair Stand Chair	Reid Heinekamp
Worship & Music Chair	Deb Seymour
CYM: Joint Youth Coop Rep.	Joanna Olson